Ryots' roads taken over by Government.

93. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of ryots' roads which have been opened (from 1112 to 1117) by the people in the Alwaye P. W. D. sub-division and which they have applied for being taken over by the Government;

(*b*) the places from which and to which such roads run;

(*c*) the number of such roads taken over by the Government;

(*d*) the names of the roads so taken over by them, if any;

(*e*) the year or years in which such roads have been taken over: and

(*f*) the number and names of the roads that have not been taken over with the reasons therefor?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The *statement is laid on the table.

Imperial Council of Agriculture.

94. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Imperial Council of Agriculture has passed at its last meeting any resolution concerning paddy cultivation in Travancore?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture*): No.

Pannikuzhi Chira.

95. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have effected improvements, under the Irrigation Rules, to a chira called Pannikuzhi Chira in Chemmanad pakuthi, Kunnatnad taluk;

(*b*) if so, whether water cess is being levied in respect of the same;

(*c*) whether any land benefited by its water is not assessed to water cess;

(*d*) whether Survey No. 420/16 of the said pakuthi which lies about 10 feet higher than the channel through which water from the chira is diverted, has been assessed to water cess;

(*e*) whether water cess is being realised for the Pazhneer Padoms comprised in Survey Nos. 420/11 and 12, and 412/15, 16 and 17 of the said pakuthi which lie below the level of the said chira:

(*f*) whether the authorities have received any petitions detailing the grievances of the owners and complaining about the undesirability of realising water cess for the said lands;

(*g*) if so, the dates on which they have been received;

(*h*) whether any action has been taken thereon; and

(*i*) if so, at what stage it stands now?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Half contribution is being recovered from the ryots concerned.

(*c*) The matter is being enquired into.

(*d*) Yes.

* *Vide* Appendix II, page 231.

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